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# WOLVERINE GARDENS

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**ROSES** and  
**DAHLIAS**



Roses  
and  
Dahlias  
Growers

GRANDVILLE, — MICHIGAN



## SPRING AND FALL—1939

### Wolverine's Roses Everblooming Hybrid Teas

The following varieties can be grown in all parts of the UNITED STATES, and will thrive and bloom abundantly, if our culture directions enclosed with every shipment is followed.

All roses are No. 1 grade, two year old, field-grown. The majority of our plants are worked or budded on Multiflora Seedlings, which is generally preferred by Rosarians.

All stock offered by us is guaranteed to grow and bloom, or we will replace the plant or its cost. Not responsible for more than the actual purchase price.

All roses are priced at fifty-cents (\$ .50) each, or ten for four dollars and seventy-five cents (\$4.75) post paid, except where otherwise noted.

#### Varieties

AMI QUINARD—Tall plants with medium-sized, semi-double flowers of deep velvety blackish crimson.

BRIARCLIFF—Large flowers of silvery rose pink color, passing to a lighter shade on the outer petals, a good cut flower, fragrant.

EDITH NELLIE PERKINS—A beautiful two-toned rose of salmon pink and coppery color.

E. G. HILL—Immense red flowers, shading to darker crimson. Vigorous and free-flowering plant.

ETOILE DE HOLLAND—A splendid red rose with no serious faults; an excellent bedding variety.

ESSENCE—Blooms deep crimson, full of "Essence" of rose. Vigorous grower and free bloomer. (Sold out for this spring). Fall delivery.

EDITOR MC FARLAND—One of the best clear pink roses. Fragrant and free flowering. Fine for cutting.

GOLDEN PERNET—A beautiful, deep-yellow variety; very fine when the plant becomes established.

GOLDEN DAWN—Bright yellow buds with a tinge of red, opening into a clear lemon-yellow flower. Sometimes a little hard to grow, but worth while.

HILDA—Large full flowers of two-tone pink color; long-lasting and fragrant.

J. C. THORNTON—Glowing crimson scarlet buds, opening to rich red flowers. Erect, vigorous growth, free flowering and healthy. (Sold out for this spring). Fall Delivery.

JOANNA HILL—A fine, two-toned yellow rose, full blooms of fine growth, and form. Bush a strong grower.

JOSEPH STRAND—A beautiful rose with traces of yellow, orange and rose colors; very fine.

K. A. VICTORIA—Perfect white blooms; white a slight shade of lemon; very fragrant; good for cutting.

MERV. G. A. VAN ROSSEM—Brownish-yellow flowers, strongly shaded coppery pink; very fine.

MRS. HENRY MORSE—Well shaped buds; flowers are a beautiful two-toned pink.

MRS. SAM MC GREY—Large fairly double blooms of orange salmon with a suffusion of gold and light red.

MRS. E. P. THOM—Beautiful flowers of a rich lemon-yellow; plant blooms and grows very good with us.

PATIENCE—Scarlet blooms shaded with orange. A bushy grower and continuous bloomer.

PRESIDENT HERBERT HOOVER—Long-pointed buds; large flowers of a maroon, orange and gold color. This is a real stand by. Strong, tall growth.

MISS ROWENA THOM—Very large blooms of brilliant satiny pink, light yellow center. Good grower and bloomer.

ROUGE MALLERIN—Good plants producing pointed brilliant red buds, opening into a rich scarlet velvet flower. An outstanding red rose.

SIR HENRY SEAGRAVE—Perfectly formed buds of lemon-yellow open to spiral flowers of the same soft shade. Tall, strong grower.

TALISMAN—Striking orange red buds open into golden yellow stained coppery blooms; very popular. Generally good.

WILHELM KORDES—Long pointed buds and double flowers of deep golden salmon, over-spread with tints of rose and copper.

Due to our large fall sale of roses our stock is very limited. May I urge you to place your order early to avoid disappointment.

### Hardy Climbing Roses

AMERICAN PILLAR—Fairly large flowers of brilliant crimson pink with large white centers. The flowers are single but produced in very large clusters, on plants of astonishing vigor. This variety we grow on its own roots, not grafted.....	\$ .25 each
AMERICAN BEAUTY—Brilliant carmine flowers of fine form, produced on moderately strong plants. Very popular.....	\$ .50 each
MARY WALLACE—Large perfect flowers of a vivid shade of pink.....	\$ .50 each
PAUL'S SCARLET CLIMBER—Intense scarlet flowers of excellent shape. The best red climber to date. Very popular .....	\$ .50 each

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## WOLVERINE'S DAHLIAS

## CLASSIFICATION OF DAHLIAS

Straight Cactus (S.T. C.) Semi Cactus (S. C.)  
Informal Decorative (I. D.) Formal Decorative (F. D.)

THESE DAHLIA OFFERINGS are from stock carefully selected from the strongest stock in our fields, after all inferior plants have been destroyed. All our stock is State Inspected, and is equal or superior to any stock on the market. There always has, and always will be, a limited number of failures in every phase of gardening endeavor. However, should any stock purchased from us fail, we will gladly replace that stock, or make any reasonable adjustment to your satisfaction. All orders filled in rotation received, and stock reserved and shipped to you postpaid at planting time, or when desired. All orders acknowledged same day as received.

Dahlia planting time in Grand Rapids' latitude is May 1st to June 15th.

The descriptions of the following varieties are as we grow them and as you can see them growing in our garden. While the descriptions are brief, they are as accurate as we know how to make them.

## Variety

## AMELIA EARHART (S.C.) 1932 Introduction

A semi-cactus of apricot buff color, sometimes hard to grow but a beauty under favorable conditions. Blooms 10 inches, bush 4 feet. plant only \$ .50

## ADORABLE (I.D.) 1935

A beautiful dahlia, the color is peach shading to an orange yellow. Blooms 8 inches, bush 5 feet. per root or division \$ .50

## AZURA (I.D.) 1936

Large 10-inch flowers of rosy lilac color, bush strong and 6 feet tall. At its best in cool weather. A late bloomer. roots \$ 1.00

## AMERICAN PURITY (S.C.) 1937

A true semi-cactus of pure white color, blooms large 10 inches, good stems, bush 5 feet plants \$ 2.50

## AUTUMN SUNSET (I.D.) 1937

A splendid dahlia with the delicate coloring of an autumn sunset, yellow center spreading to a spindly red. Blooms 10 inches, bush 6 feet plants \$ 1.00

## BARBARA WALKER (I.D.) 1935

Color is a clear light yellow. A good grower and bloomer with us. Blooms 9 inches, bush 4 to 5 feet roots \$ .50

## BUCKEYE GLORY (I.D.) 1937

A profuse blooming variety, of a clear lavender color. Good stems and foliage. Blooms 8 inches, bush 5 feet plants \$ .75

## BAUERS MASTERPIECE (I.D.) 1937

A good dahlia with a brilliant future. The color is golden bronze. Blooms attain a size of 12 inches, bush 4 foot. plants \$ 2.50

## CALIFORNIA IDOL (I.D.) 1935

A splendid giant yellow. We consider this variety the best of its color. Perfect stems, bush medium 4 foot, blooms 10 inches and up. Although this variety may be a little hard to grow it is certainly worth trying. plants \$ .50 roots \$ 1.00

## CORNELIA B. PINCHOT (I.D.) 1934

A burgundy red or deep wine color, petals long and twist showing a lighter reverse, blooms 8 inches, bush 5 feet. root \$ .25

## CARL G. DAHL (I.D.) 1938

One of the greatest dahlias, a 1938 introduction that will go places, for it has size, good growth, in fact, everything. The color is emberglow with golden sheen, sweet briar reverse. Blooms 14 inches, bush up to 5 feet. A super giant plants \$ 2.50

## CLARA CARDER (I.D. to F.D.) 1936

A beautiful shade of cyclamen pink, in a color class by itself. Very good grower and producer. Blooms 9 inches, bush 4½ feet. root \$ .50

## CHEMAR'S CURLY LOCKS (I.D.) 1937

Beautiful autumn colored dahlia, with long petals that twist and curl. Blooms 10 inches, bush 5 feet. plants \$ 1.00

## DAHLIA BARGAIN OFFER

Your choice of any 6 roots or plants at \$.25 each for \$1.00 or 12 for \$1.50

Your choice of any 6 roots or plants at \$.50 each for \$2.00 or 12 for \$3.00

Your choice of any 6 roots or plants at \$1.00 each for \$4.00 or 12 for \$7.75

## DADDY KEMP (I.D.) 1935

Giant purplish red blooms with long petals. Grow to four branches to assure good stems. A sensation with our visitors. Blooms 10 inches, bush 4 feet. plants \$ .50; roots \$ 1.00

## DISCOVERY (I.D.) 1937

Blooms are deep rosy magenta with deep reddish garnet center. Many petals twist showing a rose reverse. Very attractive. Blooms 10 inches, bush 5 feet plants \$ 2.00

## FRANK SERPA (I.D.) 1935

Beautiful pinkish lavender and white flowers on good stems. Very attractive and one of the finest. Blooms 8 inches, bush 5 feet plants \$ .50

## FRECKLES (I.D.) 1937

The ground color is lemon chrome, striped and speckled bright scarlet, very spectacular. Good grower and bloomer. Blooms 10 inches, bush 5½ feet plants \$ 1.00

## GOLDEN BEAUTY (I.D.) 1937

An apricot yellow with a light tint of pink. A beautiful dahlia with good habits. Blooms 10 inches, bush 6 feet. plants \$ 1.00

## GIRL OF HILLCREST (F.D.) 1932

Bright mikado orange or light orange. Good grower and bloomer. roots \$ .25

## GREATER EASTERN (I.D.) 1937

This is a great dahlia, it has been grown to 14 inches in diameter. The color is a blend of orange and bronze, a beautiful combination. Plant grows to a height of 4 to 5 feet and is very prolific. plants \$ 1.00; roots \$ 2.50

## GREATER GLORY (S.C.) 1937

Rose pink blooms of great size, on extra long stems, plant growth strong and prolific. Winner of many prizes. Very beautiful and artistic. Blooms 10 inches, bush 6 feet. plants \$ 1.00; roots \$ 2.50

## HUNT'S VELVET WONDER (I.D.) 1935

Color is a rich violet burgundy. We would call it purple. The blooms can be grown to giant size, but must be disbudded. Recommended for exhibition. Blooms 10 to 12 inches, bush 5 feet. plants \$ .50; roots \$ .75

## INCADENT (I.D.) 1937

Color is a rich rosy buff, suffused yellow and light rose. This is a seedling of Jane Cowl but greater in size and more beautiful in color. Plants very productive. Blooms 10 inches, bush 6 feet. plants \$ 1.00; roots \$ 2.00

## JANE COUL (I.D.) 1926

Color is salmon, buff and orange. One of the best and most popular dahlias on the market. Blooms 8 inches, bush 6 feet. roots \$ .25 or 10 for \$ 1.00. A whole garden full; or make a tall hedge.

## JIMMIE FOXX (I.D.) 1937

A spectacular dahlia of giant size, has been grown to 13 inches. Color, coppery red tinged with henna. Plant an exceptionally sturdy grower, 6 to 7 feet tall. plants \$ 1.50

## JIM MOORE (I.D.) 1927

A good variety of pink and yellow color, that will produce flowers up to 8 inches in diameter, bush 5 feet roots \$ .25

## KATHLEEN NORRIS (I.D.) 1927

One of the best pinks, can be grown to 10 inches. The plants are very good with us, although some have experienced difficulty. Bush 4½ feet. roots \$ .25

## KILGOUR'S KING (I.D.) 1936

A beautiful yellow, very prolific, and generally a good plant. plants \$ 1.00

## KAY FRANCIS (S.C.) 1935

One of the best blooming varieties. Color is a clear light lemon yellow. Blooms up to 8 inches by disbud; good grower, bush 6 feet. roots \$ .50

## LELAND STANFORD (I.D.) 1937

A bright cardinal red of immense size and perfect form. The color does not fade. Splendid plant habits, blooms early and freely. Blooms 10 inches, bush 5 feet. plants \$ 1.00

## LORD OF AUTUMN (I.D.) 1934

A very good deep yellow, splendid for exhibition. Sometimes a little temperamental. A poor root maker, but worth trying nevertheless. Blooms 10 inches, bush 5 feet. plants \$ .50; roots \$ 1.00

## LOUISE ARDUINI (S.C.)

This foreign variety is a deep red, about 7 inches in diameter, that blooms early and freely; a good cut flower variety. Bush 4½ to 5 feet tall. roots \$ .50

## MARGARET W. WILSON (F.D.) 1925

An easy variety to grow, producing good-sized blooms of pinkish white, with white reverse. Blooms up to 8 inches, bush 4 feet. roots \$ .25

## MURPHY'S MASTERPIECE (I.D.) 1932

Immense dark red flowers that can be grown to 14 inches by disbudding. An exhibition variety. Bush 5 feet. plants \$ .50; roots \$ 1.00

## MRS. GEO. LE BOUTILLIER (I.D.) 1935

One of the best red on the market, has been grown to 13½ inches. The color is a rich velvety carmine. Blooms early and freely. Splendid plant, average diameter of blooms 9 inches, bush 4½ feet. Recommended. plants \$ .50; roots \$ .75

## MILTON J. CROSS (I.D.) 1936

An immense flower of rich yellow buff. Winner of many awards. Has long stiff stems, good grower and bloomer. Blooms 9 inches, bush 5 feet. plants \$ 1.00

## MILDRED HAIRE (I.D.) 1937

A lavender pink. Sport of the variety Daddy Kemp, which it resembles in all respects. Blooms 10 inches, bush 4½ to 5 feet. roots \$ 1.00

## MAJOR BOWES (I.D.) 1937

One of the sensations at the A.D.S. show in 1936. The bush is hardy and a tall grower, good bloomer. The color is a deep red. Blooms 10 inches, bush 6 feet. plants \$ 1.00

## MRS. IDA CHASE (St. C.) 1937

The colors are a combination of bright lemon yellow and pink with lavender reverse. The blooms average about 7 inches, can be grown larger. Height of bush 4½ to 5 feet. roots \$ 1.00

## MISS ENGLEWOOD (I.D.) 1936

A beautiful variety of spectrum red and carmine coloring. Can be grown to 12 inches on good stems. A good grower with prolific blooming habits. plants \$ 2.00

## MONARCH OF THE EAST (F.D.) 1938

A super giant. Blooms up to 14 inches when disbudded. Color a warm gold with apricot and orange buff suffusion. Grand stems and perfect growing habits. One of the best. Bush 4½ to 5 feet. plants \$ 2.50

## ORINDA (F.D.) 1931

A beautiful shade of light purple. When well grown it is hard to beat in this color. Blooms 8 inches, bush 5 feet. roots \$ .25

## PRINCE OF PERSIA (I.D.) 1932

A striking bright-red exhibition dahlia of a rich glowing crimson color. Can be grown to 10 inches, bush 6 feet. roots \$ .25

## PRACHTKERL (I.D.) 1935

Artistic blooms of clear primrose yellow. A healthy grower and free bloomer. Size of blooms 8 inches, bush 4 to 5 feet. plants \$ .50; roots \$ 1.00

## PRIDE OF AUSTINBURG (I.D.) 1936

A spectacular dahlia. Color a beautiful pink suffused light yellow, center and reverse rich rose. Strong, open-plant growth. Free bloomer with flowers up to 10 inches, bush 6 feet. plants \$ .75; roots \$ 1.50

## PURPLE MIST (F.D.) 1937

A beautiful deep purple, with good blooming and growing habits. Splendid, cut-flower variety. Blooms up to 10 inches, bush 6 feet. plants \$ 1.00; roots \$ 2.50

## POWHATAN (I.D.) 1937

A beautiful brilliant carmine colored variety that is sun-proof. Blooms up to 10 inches by disbudding, bush 4 to 5 feet. plants \$ 1.00; roots \$ 2.50

## PRIMROSE (I.C.) 1938

A new dahlia with personality. A beautiful cactus. Color is straw yellow with rose pink reverse. Blooms up to 8 inches, bush 5 feet. plants \$ 1.50

## ROYAL PURCHASE (I.C.) 1936

Large blooms of deep yellow color, reverse suffused with pink. Good plant growth and free flowering. Blooms up to 10 inches, bush 4 to 5 feet. plants \$ .75

## ROBERT L. RIPLEY (I.D.) 1937

A super dahlia has been grown to 16 inches. A beauty of light purple color, suffused old rose. This was a sensation with us, believe it or not. Extra fine for exhibition. plants \$ 2.00; roots \$ 5.00

## SATAN (S.C.) 1933

Large blooms of flaming red color, touched gold. Blooms 10 inches, bush 6 feet. roots \$ .25

**BUY DIRECT FROM THE GROWER, BE ASSURED OF FRESH STOCK, SATISFACTION GUARANTEED**

## SOUVENIR (I.D.) 1938

A fine dahlia of a vivid pink color. An early bloomer and thrifty grower. Blooms 10 inches bush 5 feet. plants \$ 2.50

## THE COMMODORE (I.D.) 1932

A brilliant lemon yellow. Blooms average 10 inches. Plants prolific, highly recommended. Bush 3 feet. roots \$ .25 each or 8 for \$ 1.00

## THE FIREMAN (I.D.) 1934

A flashy cardinal red with golden flushes and golden stripes. Good grower and bloomer. Blooms 8 inches, bush 5 feet. roots \$ .50

## TWILIGHT (I.D.) 1933

A beautiful flower of light purple color and lighter shadings. Good bloomer and grower. Blooms 8 inches, bush 5 feet. roots \$ .25

## TOM BLACKWOOD (F.D.) 1935

Large beautiful blooms of a deep orange color. Plants bloom and grow good. Blooms 10 to 12 inches by disbudding. plants \$ .50; roots \$ 1.00

## YELLOW MARVEL (F.D.)

An unusual bi-color dahlia from Europe. Beautiful shade of yellow with each petal tipped with white; very spectacular. Blooms up to 10 inches, bush 5½ feet. plants \$ 1.50

## WENOKA (F.D.) 1935

# **WOLVERINE'S DAHLIAS**

## **PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS**

DAHLIA ROOTS should be planted 6 inches deep, laid flat down, with eye up and about 2 inches from the stake. Cover with earth not over 2 inches in depth, filling in as the plant develops. It is best to have your ground well spaded and prepared, and your stakes placed about 3 feet apart, or 2 feet apart for a single row, 3 feet is advisable if room will permit.

The safest fertilizer is bone meal, spread it generously over your garden and work it well into your soil before planting; then every 4 or 5 weeks thereafter.

DAHLIA PLANTS—are rooted cuttings shipped to you in pots, and are very satisfactory, saving you more than half the price of roots.

When plants are received, they should be carefully removed from the carton, and the moss and packing removed from the pot. Then give them a good watering, set them in a shaded spot for a day or two to let them freshen up. Then plant them a little deeper than if a root would be planted. Now keep them well cultivated and watered throughout the growing season. As the plants grow, care should be taken to tie up all shoots to the stake. Disbud for large blooms.

Sincerely yours,

**JOHN A. PONSHAIR**

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